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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11, 2020

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Fall 2020 Virtual Continuous Improvement Conference: *Equity for Continuous Improvement: Opportunities, Environments, and Supports*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Educational Supports (OES) will sponsor the first **virtual** Fall Continuous Improvement Conference: *Equity for Continuous Improvement: Opportunities, Environments, and Supports* on Tuesday, October 20.

Addressing the conference theme will be keynote speaker Dr. Seena Skelton, director of the Great Lakes Equity Center. Dr. Skelton has more than 15 years of experience working in the areas of systems change, school improvement, and educational equity, including with the Michigan Department of Education.

The conference will include recognition of the National ESEA Distinguished Schools and the Blue Ribbon Schools. It will also include the rollout of the MICIP platform. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of breakout sessions on the integration of equity and continuous improvement.

For conference details and registration visit: <http://gomasa.org/events/mde-continuous-improvement-conference/>. If you have specific questions pertaining to this conference, please contact Ben Boerkoel at boerkoelb@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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